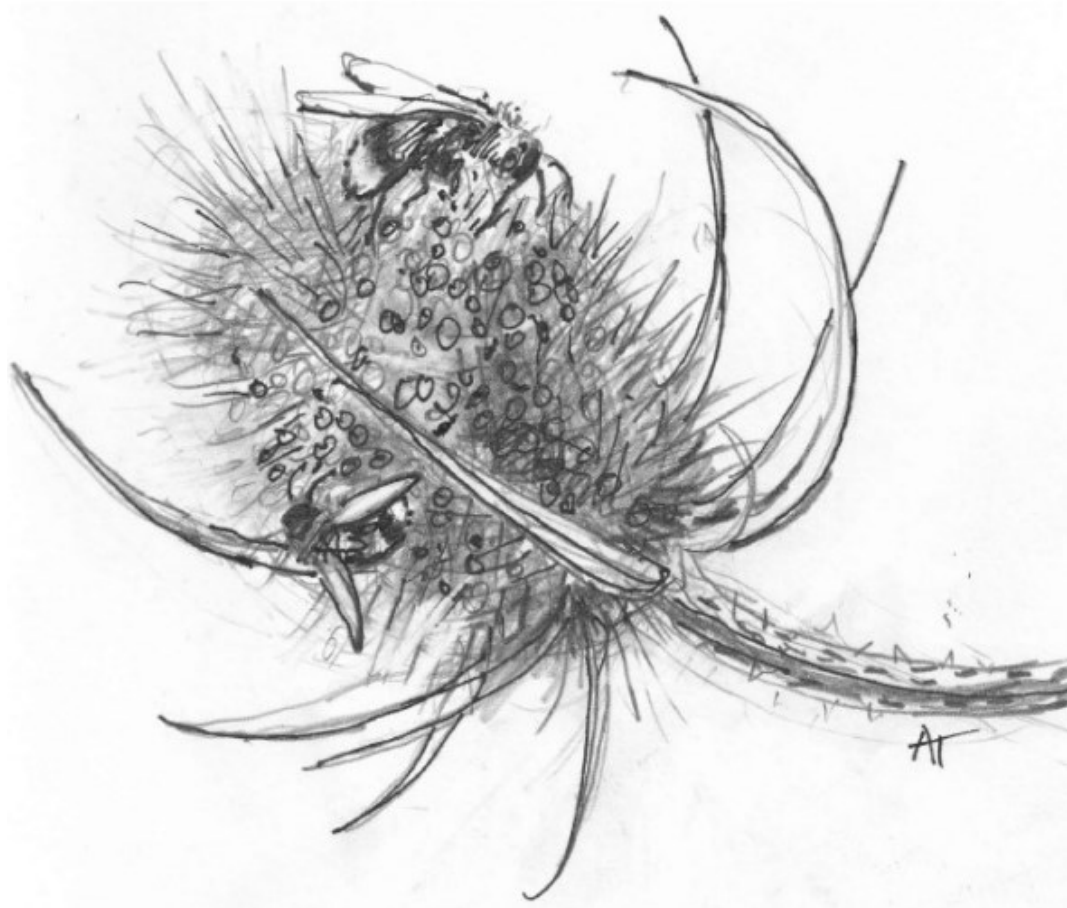


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Diary Dates

Event	August 2026	September 2026
Coffee Mornings		
Coffee and Company, Priest's Room, Lamerton 10 - 12pm	7, 21	7, 21
Sydenham Damerel from 10.30am	1	5
Lamerton coffee mornings, Community Centre, 10.30 - 12pm	1, 15, 29	12, 26
Friendship Group, 9:30am - 12:30pm, Milton Abbott Village Hall	4, 11, 18, 25	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Church and other events		
Milton Abbott Village Show, 3:30pm Milton Abbott Village Hall	5	
The Big 50-50, Clothing & More Sale 10:30am—4pm, Milton Abbott Village Hall		25, 26

**Magazine deadline for the October/November 2026
edition is**

end of day: Saturday 12th September 2026

Thank you for your timely submissions - they are gratefully appreciated.



From the Vicarage . . .

Summer Sundays

The schools have broken up and we slip into our August pattern of services – a hiatus in the midweek communions, and a single communion service each Sunday.

Do make a special effort to come along to these United Benefice services.

We might have six different gathering places but we are one Christian community and have a responsibility to God and one another to meet and worship together. What, I wonder, does God make of our worship in our own church silos when we're not also worshipping as the whole community? Please do support one another in this.

We begin at Marystowe 10.30am on 2nd August (please note the change of time from the usual 9.30am by popular request).

Relationship not religion

God's invitation to live our lives at the deepest level is daily and hourly.

God loves us and invites us into relationship. We are not talking about religion here, we are talking about relationship.

I'm conducting quite a few weddings this year and I would be worried if bride and groom were only going to contact one another for an hour every other Sunday.

That is no way to build a relationship – and nor is it with God.

You all know that I'm always happy to visit at home and support in prayer (although I am not psychic and you'll need to let me know!), but I am a poor substitute for a daily walk with the One who loves us eternally.

Even in this day and age, we still have "Prayer Books" – updated for Common Worship. Or, if you have internet, you can type in "Join us in daily prayer" in the search bar, and it will bring you to the Church of England's prayer page where you can pick whatever time of day you are praying.

Alternatively, there are a lot of smartphone apps – the Church of England one is simply called "Daily Prayer" on a blue background, but there is another good one called "Lectio 365" which is less wordy and I can highly recommend that.

Or simply pray. If anyone would like a copy of the booklet "Try Praying" let me know (I have a few spare and can get hold of some more). Either way, prayer changes things and changes us – we can't expect to flourish without it.

Harvest Festivals

Speaking of flourishing, the Church's "Creationtide" begins in September. For me, growing up in rural Herefordshire, September is hop-picking season – my favourite as a child because I got to sleep in the hop kilns and get woken up in the night to "help" monitor the drying hops – a big adventure when you're little! Not so much in Devon of course, but after all this hot sun I am looking forward to Keats' "seasons of mist and mellow fruitfulness" and celebrating Harvest together once more.

This year we kick off with Milton Abbot and Dunterton's Harvest Festival at 11am on Sunday 6th September at All Saints', Dunterton.

The next is Sydenham Damerel at 6.30pm on Sunday 27th September.

Lamerton and Sydenham Damerel have previously had separate ones, so Lamerton's is Sunday 4th October at 6.30pm, but – very importantly – is preceded by the Primary School Harvest Festival on 1st October (2pm, tbc).

Coryton's is 6.30pm on 11th October, and we finish the round with Marystowe's at 9.30am on 18th October.

The puppets are coming...!

There is an exciting change in the usual pattern of services this year as we launch Bubble Church at 9:30am on Sunday 27th September.

It will begin at Milton Abbot and will continue every 4th Sunday of each month, alternating between Milton Abbot and Lamerton.

Bubble Church is aimed at the pre-school age range, and has been tried and tested in various places across the country.

Some of our churches in Devon have been running it for several years already.

It has been so successful in engaging people that it has attracted funding, which I applied for.

This has given us seed money to help in purchasing the basic kit, and we have a strong team who have been on training and will continue to do so.

As a Benefice we're now part of the Bubble Church Network in the South West, so we're not doing this alone.

If you would like to know more, or perhaps be part of the team, do let me know.

In the meantime, if you want to bring a child along, look out for the booking form which will be available online from August.

Yours in Christ,

Gill

The Reverend Gillian George

Priest in Charge of the Parishes of Milton Abbot, Dunterton, Lamerton, Sydenham Damerel, Marystowe and Coryton, known as the South Tamar Mission Community

BIBLE READINGS (Year C)

Please use the readings published in the Parish Magazine and your own Bibles.

Please check with the person leading the service as there are options
which the preacher might want to use, now that we are in
“Ordinary time”

Sunday 2nd August Trinity 9 (Green)	Isiah 55.1 - 5 Psalm 145.8 - 9, 15 - 22 Romans 9.1 - 5 Matthew 14.13 -21
Sunday 9th August Trinity 10 (Green)	1 Kings 19.9 - 18 Psalm 85.8 - 13 Romans 10.5 - 15 Matthew 14.2 -33
Sunday 16th August Trinity 11 (Green)	Isiah 56.1, 6 - 8 Psalm 67 Romans 11.1 - 2a, 29 - 32 Matthew 15.10 - 20, 21 - 28
Sunday 23rd August Trinity 12 (Green)	Isiah 51.1 - 6 Psalm 138 Romans 12.1 - 8 Matthew 16.13 - 20
Sunday 30th August Trinity 13 (Green)	Jeremiah 15.15 - 21 Psalm 26.1 - 8 Romans 12.9 - end Matthew 16.21 - end

The readings may end with either ***‘This is the Word of the Lord’***,
or ***‘For the Word of the Lord’***
to which we are invited to respond ***‘Thanks be to God’***.

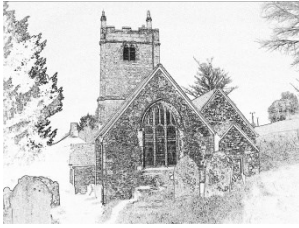
BIBLE READINGS (Year A)

Please use the readings published in the Parish Magazine and your own Bibles

Sunday 6th September Trinity 14 (White or Green)	Isiah 55.12 - end Psalm 96 Colossians 1.15 - 20 Matthew 8.23 - 27
Sunday 13th September Trinity 15 (Green)	Genesis 50.15 - 21 Psalm 103.1-7, 8 - 13 Romans 14.1 - 12 Matthew 18.21 - 35
Sunday 20th September Trinity 16 (Green)	Jonah 3.10 - end of 4 Psalm 145.1 - 8 Philippians 1.21 - end Matthew 20.1 - 16
Sunday 27th September Trinity 17 (Green)	Ezekiel 18.1 - 4, 25 - end Psalm 25.1 - 8 Philippians 2.1 - 13 Matthew 21.23 - 32

For those who read this online, please find a link to
the readings online here:

<https://almanac.oremus.org>



St. Andrew's, Coryton

A Very Successful Open Garden at Park House, Coryton

On 21st June we held an Open Garden complete, as expected, with plant sales and cream teas, in aid of the Motor Neuron Disease Association. We were amazed that despite the hot weather approx. 140 came and made some very complimentary remarks about the garden. Altogether with some donations we have been able to send to MNDA just over £3500 which was way above our expectations.



We would like to thank those who came for their support and also those that sent us donations after the event. It's a horrible disease and last year the Association were able to give over £25 million to various research groups and also to spend over £5 million on support for those suffering.

Roger and Maureen Jennings

Services at St Andrew's

In addition to our regular services of Matins on the second Sunday of the month and Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday, in June there was an extra service which was a Northumbria service led by Richard Searight.

In the past there have been people who have expressed an interest in these services. If anyone is interested in having more of these services please let Rev'd Gill know.

In August there will be only one service, a Holy Communion service at 4pm on 23rd August when we welcome people from across the Benefice to our church.

Josie Whitfield

All Saint's Church, Dunterton



All Saint's Church Dunterton in 2026

We were pleased to host the United Benefice on 31st May which was Trinity Sunday. The service was well attended and also included the blessing of the new altar linens donated in memory of Sylvia Vigers (and of course not forgetting Arthur).

In August we are delighted to be hosting a very special wedding at the church and we will be making an extra special effort to ensure the church and graveyard look fabulous for the occasion!

Calendar Campaign 2026

We have had a few submissions for the 2027 Calendar but would love some more.

In addition to calendars we are hoping to produce some post cards and Christmas cards.

We are not limiting your creativity to photos of the church this time; any local scenic photos can be submitted for consideration.

So take advantage of the better weather and get snapping!

You can send your photos to:

christine.youds@btinternet.com.

Thanks to Philip Stanbury for the snap to the right, from May.



Annual River Walk

Once again, thanks to the kind permission of local land owners and farmers, we will be raising funds for the church with a c. 6 mile walk taking place on Sunday 18th October 2026.

A circular route starting and ending at the church with tea & cake refreshments available to purchase towards the end.

Car parking will be available in a field close to the church.

All donations received will be utilised towards the costs of maintaining the church.

Christine Youds

SERVICES AT DUNTERTON CHURCH – DATE & TIME	
Sunday 13 th September 2026	11.00 a.m.
Sunday 8 th November 2026	11.00 a.m.
Friday 25 th December 2026	09.30 a.m.



St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

We may be a relatively small community, but our community spirit is huge. There have been so many examples of this over these last few months: the Plant and Cake Sale was an especially successful

fundraising morning, raising a phenomenal £815.

Our huge thanks go to our green-fingered , gardening, goddess Eli Medd for growing a wonderful array of plants and to Janet Giles for co-ordinating and organising the cake sale.

The Killingbeck family also showed tremendous social spirit in renovating the historic road sign at Derriton Cross.

On a hot May weekend James, Georgina and John worked hard to repaint the sign bringing it back to its original glory. It is resplendent.

Another great effort was made down in Horsebridge by Neil Martin, Nick Reynolds and Jon Harley who, between them, righted the noticeboard and concreted it into position. They also helped strim the area around the two benches in the parish.

Another shift towards possible community involvement is an opportunity to get involved in Devon County Council's Road Warden scheme where, after training, volunteers can help fill potholes that do not meet DCC intervention levels. Other types of work that volunteers can undertake on this scheme include clearing drainage features and cleaning road signs. There is also an interesting discussion to be had around Council Tax! If you are interested all the details can be found here:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/devonhighways/self-help/road-warden-scheme>

We are quite an artistic community too with the great success of Chapel Barn Theatre's first festival where four different productions were put on over a weekend to great reviews. Local sculptor Bill Cramer had some stunning pieces displayed in the Artmill Gallery's Sculpture Courtyard in Plymouth. Simply beautiful.

The book club's meeting was forced indoors by a magnificent thunderstorm. The current book is Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles, if you'd like to read along.

As ever, the Coffee Morning in St Mary's continues to be a great place to catch up with friends and neighbours on the first Saturday of every month.

I'm sure we all feel very fortunate to live in this tiny nook in the Tamar Valley.

Gail Cullen



St. Peter's Lamerton

This year we have had to employ a contractor to cut and clear the grass from two sections of the churchyard.

We have usually cut and made hay of the grass but this year there were not enough able bodied men to do it.

We have, however, had the mowers out and we will continue to keep the Churchyard tidy thanks to Norman and Richard.

We have just received our quinquennial report which we hope will not contain any bad news.

The talk by Squadron Leader Adam Fox Edwards on his life was fascinating. If you didn't come and have the chance to hear him, I can thoroughly recommend that you do go. The evening raised over £300 which was split between Help for Heroes and St. Peter's.

Babs Knit-a-Thon was another great success.

A very chatty day with the clicking of many pairs of knitting needles accompanied by numerous cups of teas and slices of cake made for a very enjoyable day.

Fifty seven hats - many donated by our generous sponsors - and eleven scarves were sent to Ukraine and St. Peter's benefited by receiving £1,000.



Very many thanks to all who helped to make this a day to be remembered.

St. Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot



We Well, as I write this summer's arrived with a vengeance, we are all doing our best to keep cool, and the swallows' nest in our porch is currently empty as the little ones fledged about ten days ago!

Our Flower Festival at the beginning of July was very successful, raising £1429 for our funds; it was great to see so many people come into the church over the three days to look at the lovely arrangements and partake of the tasty refreshments.

Very many thanks to Angie and to all her team for running this event – it was worth all the hard work.

Pat's stall had a very quiet day at Lifton in June but did very well at the Flower Festival.

By the time you read this we will also have been to Lamerton on 18th July and we will be at Princetown on 29th August.

As previously mentioned, we will once again be holding our Christmas Fair on 14th November.

Pat is lining up lots of lovely stalls where you will be able to start your Christmas shopping and of course there will be home-made cakes and teas and coffees for you to enjoy while you listen to the Sydenham Damerel Blowers.

Following that, Pat's stall will be travelling to Lifton on 21st November, followed by Lamerton on 28th November – so it will be a busy month for us!

Liz Padmore

Something different for our local area: at the farm at the top of the hill, behind the Chichester Arms pub in Chillaton.



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A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus

How many games can you think of that use a ball? Let's see—there's soccer, basketball, football, volleyball, cricket, rugby, golf, tennis and table tennis to name a few. What is the most important thing to remember when playing any game that uses a ball? You have to keep your eye on the ball. If you don't keep your eye on the ball, you will spend all of your time chasing it.

In our Bible lesson today, Simon Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, learned a lesson about the importance of keeping his eye on the ball. Well, actually, he learned about the importance of keeping his eyes upon Jesus!

Jesus and his disciples had had a long, hard day. Jesus had been teaching a huge crowd of people and healing the sick. His disciples had just finished passing out food to a crowd of more than 5,000 men, women, and children. They were very tired. Jesus told the disciples to get in their boat and go to the other side of Lake Galilee. He sent the crowds away and went to a quiet place to be alone and pray.

Later in the night, the boat was quite a distance from the shore when the wind came up and the water became rough with waves. Jesus went out toward the boat walking on the water. When the disciples saw him they were afraid.

"It's a ghost," they cried. Jesus answered, "Don't be afraid, take courage, it's me!"

Peter called out to him, "Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you on the water."
"Come," said Jesus.



So, Peter climbed out of the boat and started walking on the water toward Jesus. But when he started looking around and saw the

waves being blown about by the wind. He was afraid and he began to sink. "Lord, save me!" he cried. Jesus reached out his hand and caught Peter. "Why did you doubt?" Jesus asked.

Why do you think Peter began to sink? That's right, he began to look around at the mess he was in and took his eyes off of Jesus. As long as he kept his eyes on Jesus, he was fine, but when he took his eyes off of Jesus, he began to sink. You and I may encounter some pretty rough times in our life. As long as we keep our eyes upon Jesus and put our trust in him, we will be okay. But when we take our eyes off of Jesus and put our confidence in our own ability, we will surely sink!

Dear Lord Jesus, when the storms of life come against us, help us to remember to keep our eyes on you and keep our faith and trust in you. In your name we pray. Amen.

Jesus Walks on the Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. Matthew 14:25 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
H	V	S	L	F	P	X	Z	A	I	N	W	C	R	D	U	Q	J	M	Y	O	K	G	T	E	B

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2. 12-10-11-15 _____
3. 12-9-24-25-14 _____
4. 5-9-10-24-1 _____
5. 9-5-14-9-10-15 _____
6. 3-10-11-22 _____
7. 12-9-2-25-3 _____
8. 5-25-9-14 _____
9. 12-9-4-22-10-11-23 _____
10. 4-9-22-25 _____

BOAT	WIND	SINK	WATER	FAITH
LAKE	WALKING	FEAR	AFRAID	WAVES

A Story on the Theme of Truthfulness

The Boy Who Always Won

There was once a boy who liked nothing more in the world than to win. He loved winning at whatever it may be: football, cards, video games... everything. And because he couldn't stand losing, he had become an expert in all kinds of tricks and cheating. He could play tricks in practically every situation, without being noticed; even in video games or playing alone. He could win without ever being caught.

He won so many times that everyone saw him as the champion. It meant that almost no one wanted to play with him, he was just too far ahead of everyone. One person who did play with him was a poor boy, who was a bit younger. The champion really enjoyed himself at the poor boy's expense, always making the boy look ridiculous.



But the champion ended up getting bored with all this. He needed something more, so he decided to apply for the national video games championship, where he would find some competitors worthy of himself. At the championship he was keen to show his skills but, when he tried using all those tricks and cheats he knew from a thousand different games, well... none of them worked. The competition judges had prevented any of the tricks from working.

He felt terribly embarrassed: he was a good player, but without his cheats, he couldn't beat a single competitor. He was soon eliminated, and sat there, sad and pensive. Finally, they announced the name of the tournament champion. It was the poor boy from home. The one he had always beaten!

Our boy realised that the poor boy had been much cleverer than he had been. It hadn't mattered to the poor boy if he lost or was badly defeated, because what he was really doing was learning from each of his defeats. And from so much learning he had been transformed into a real master.

From then on, the boy who had loved winning gave up wanting to win all the time. He was quite happy to lose sometimes, because that was when he would learn how to win on the really important occasions.



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Items may be dropped off at
the hall on ?**



53RD LAMERTON ANNUAL HANDBELL FESTIVAL



Saturday 10th October 2026
Lamerton Sports & Community Centre
7pm
Free Admission. Refreshments. Draw

The Charity that Lamerton Handbell Ringers will be supporting this
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3rd Prize ~ Laura Harley

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Coffee @ St. Mary's Sydenham Damerel

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10.30am onwards
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COFFEE & COMPANY



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chit chat or a board game.**

**Every other Friday, 10am-12pm, at the Priest
Room (Chapel) by St Peter's Church,
Lamerton.**

Everyone welcome!

After the success of the Warm Hub, several people wished to carry on meeting and wanted more people to come along too, so we have relaunched as Coffee & Company.

Coffee & Company will be on the alternate week to the village coffee morning that takes place on a Saturday every other week, but do check the church calendar regularly as it doesn't always follow an exact alternating pattern:
www.southtamar.church/calendar/

We would love you to join us.

Mid-week Holy Communion



**Every Wednesday morning at 10 am
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The service is a quiet,
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Communion. The perfect
opportunity to re-charge your
spiritual batteries.



**With Tea, coffee and
cake afterwards.**



A vibrant yellow poster for a Harvest Auction and Supper. The background is filled with small black stars. At the top, two orange pumpkins with green leaves are positioned on either side of a circular wreath. The wreath is made of green leaves and branches. Inside the wreath, the word "HARVEST" is written in large, bold, red letters, and "AUCTION AND SUPPER" is written in bold, black letters below it. A red banner with white text "AT LAMERTON HALL" is draped across the bottom of the wreath. Below the banner, there are four stylized trees in red and green. At the bottom of the poster, there are two illustrations: on the left, a man in a green shirt and black boots is holding a large orange pumpkin; on the right, a woman in a green shirt and white apron is holding a bunch of carrots. The text "Friday 2nd October 2026 commences 6.30pm" is written in bold black letters. Below this, it says "SUPPER AND DESSERT INCLUDED WITH TICKET", "LICENSED BAR", and "LOTS INCLUDE HARVEST ITEMS, DAYS OUT, MEALS AND LOTS MORE". At the very bottom, it says "RAISING FUNDS FOR LAMERTON HALL CHARITY NUMBER 900404".

LAMERTON HALL

HARVEST AUCTION AND SUPPER

AT LAMERTON HALL

**Friday 2nd October 2026
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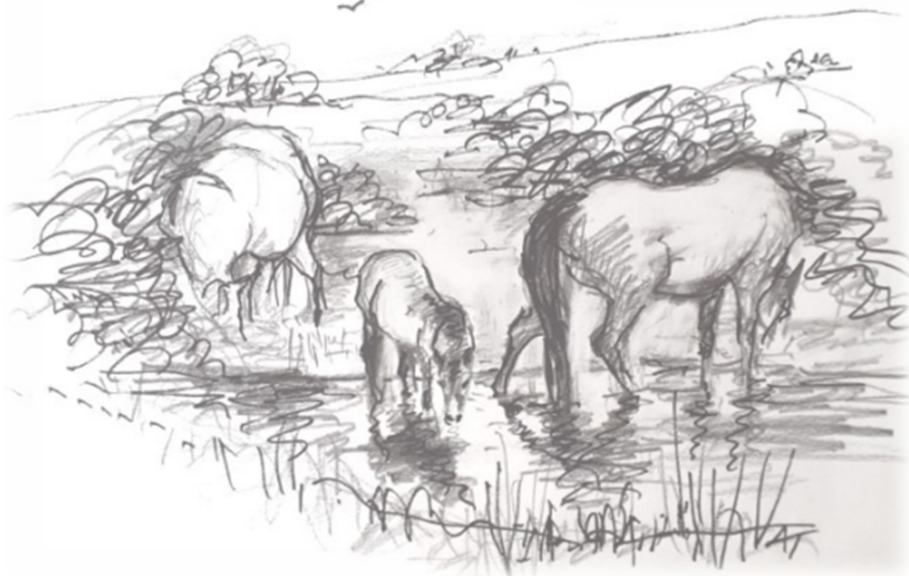
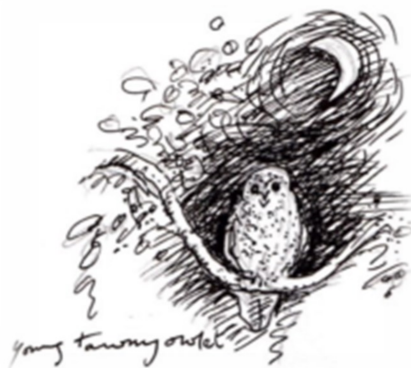
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Drawings from the Archive

By our very own Bluebell





LAMERTON WI

Tuesday 4th August 2:00pm

Tai Chi with Kathy
Raffle & Tea

Competition: Indoor Flower Plant Holder

Tuesday 1st September 2.00pm

Covering Shoe Boxes & Making Christmas Cards
Raffle & Tea

Competition: Bracelet

All meetings held at Lamerton Village Hall

and the Winner is.. **Lucky Lamerton Lottery!**

*Thank you for all who have
joined the Lamerton Lottery again this year.*



The winning number for last year's draw for June 2026 – 26

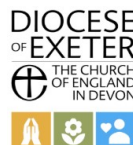
The first winning number for July 2026 – 47

Congratulations to our winners

All proceeds go towards St Peters Church, Lamerton.



Safeguarding



Please report any safeguarding concerns to your Parish safeguarding representatives or Rev Gill George.

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Marystowe: Anita Townsend 01822 860123;
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Christmas Fair



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2026

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SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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RULES

1. Entry forms for all classes must be received by the Co-ordinator by Friday 4th September 2026, either by posting in box at 3 Venn Hill OR to Sue Champion, Bowled Over.
2. The entry fee is 25p per entry except in the children's classes, which are free. Children are welcome to enter adult classes.
3. Exhibits may be staged from 9am on the day of the show.
All exhibitors MUST leave the hall by 12 noon on that day.
Exhibits may not be removed before 5.30pm on the day.
4. All flowers, vegetables and fruit MUST be grown by the EXHIBITOR (except for classes in Floral Art)
5. No Handicraft articles permitted that have been previously exhibited in this show.
6. All preserves to be displayed in plain glass jars. No manufacturers' names are permitted.
7. All photographs to be taken by the exhibitor. No photographs previously exhibited at this show are permitted. All entries to be unframed in colour or black and white. Photos to be 7 in by 5 in (18cm by 13cm) maximum.
8. Paintings to be mounted, but not framed.
9. Only one entry per person in each class.
10. Where there are three or fewer entries in a class, the number of prizes given will be at the judge's discretion. The decision of the judges will be final.
11. All exhibits are displayed at exhibitors own risk.



SPECIAL PRIZES

- The HAROLD ALFORD PERPETUAL CUP for the gentleman exhibitor gaining the highest points in the show.
- The P.M. SPEAR TROPHY for the lady exhibitor gaining the highest points in the show.

FLORAL ART CLASSES JUDGE: Shona Dickinson



The JOYCE TOWLER PERPETUAL AWARD for the highest points in the Floral Art classes 1 to 6.

The IRIS SNELL PLATE for the best exhibit in the Floral Art classes 1 to 6.

1. Arrangement of foliage
2. Wild flower arrangement
3. Table arrangement
4. An arrangement in one colour
5. A rainbow arrangement
6. A button hole for novices (never entered in this section before)

An 'Arrangement' is a display with flowers and foliage, whereas an 'Exhibit' is a display of flowers/ foliage AND accessories.



FLOWER CLASSES JUDGE: Andrew Spry

The GARLICK PERPETUAL CUP for the highest points in the Flower classes 7 to 23

The CLAUDE MASTERS CUP for the best exhibit in the Flower classes 7 to 23

7. Sunflower single stem Flower
8. Hydrangea, 3 blooms.
9. Chrysanthemums, 3 blooms.
10. Four kinds of cut flowers, one stem of each.
11. Arrangement of mixed flowers and foliage.
12. Marigolds (Calendulas) in a vase.
13. Dahlia decorative, 3 stems over 2in/5cm across.
14. Dahlia pom-poms, 3 stems not more than 2in/5cm across.
15. Dahlia cactus, 3 stems.
16. Rose, 1 single bloom.
17. Roses, 3 mixed stems.
18. Rambler or climber roses, 3 stems.
19. Scented rose, 1 bloom.
20. Gladiolus, 1 stem.
21. Flowers of any one variety not named above, 4 stems/blooms in a vase.
22. Fuchsias, 6 single blooms.
23. Flowering houseplant.



VEGETABLE CLASSES JUDGE: Andrew Spry

The LANCASTER PERPETUAL CUP for the highest points in the Vegetable classes 24 to 42

The LANCASTER PERPETUAL CUP is given for the best exhibit in the Vegetable classes 24 to 42.

24. An arrangement of fresh herbs in a jar.
25. Courgettes, 3.
26. Tomatoes, red, 4 with calyces on.
27. Cherry tomatoes, red, 6 on a plate.
28. Cucumber, 1.
29. Pepper, sweet, 1.
30. Aubergine, 1.
31. Any misshaped, interesting vegetable.
32. Onions, grown from sets, 3.
33. Beetroot, globe 3.
34. Runner beans, 6.
35. French beans, 6.
36. Rhubarb, 4 stalks.
37. Potatoes, 4 of one variety.
38. Carrots, 4.
39. Any other vegetable, 2.
40. Parsnips, 4.
41. Shallots, 3.
42. Eggs from own chickens, 4.

**FRUIT CLASSES JUDGE: Andrew Spry**

PERPETUAL AWARD given by Mrs F. Ball for the highest points in the Fruit classes 43 - 49.

43. Dessert apples, any one variety, 4.
44. Cooking apples, any one variety, 4.
45. Blackberries, wild, 10 plus 1 for judge to taste.
46. Raspberries, 10 plus 1 for judge to taste.
47. Pears, any one variety, 3.
48. Plums, any one variety, 5.
49. Fruit, any other including cider apples, 2.

**ADVICE TO EXHIBITORS**

- a. Rhubarb must be pulled and, for best presentation, leave about 75mm of leaf stalk.
- b. Onion skin to be left on.
- c. Onions to be dressed; ie tops cut off and tied with raffia, roots lightly trimmed.
- d. Runner beans to have part of the stalk left on.
- e. Tomatoes' calyx (stalk) to be attached.
- f. Beetroot will be judged on quality rather than size.
- g. Root vegetables must have the leaves cut so that about 75mm of leaf stalk remains, which should be neatly tied.
- h. Always try to display fruit and vegetables of a similar size.
- i. Leave the flower on cucumbers, but not the stalk.
- j. Apples and pears may be shown either ripe or unripe and all other fruit must be ripe. Over-ripeness will be regarded as a defect in any fruit.
- k. Leave stalks and calyces on the berries.

COOKERY CLASSES JUDGE: Melanie Wellard

The GARLICK PERPETUAL CUP for the highest points in the Cookery classes 50 to 66.

SPECIAL PRIZE for set recipe, class 64

50. Jar of chutney
51. Jar of jam.
52. Jar of jelly.
53. Jar of fruit curd
54. Jar of marmalade
55. Jam tarts, 4
56. Colourful iced biscuits
57. Loaf of bread, made by hand
58. Loaf of bread, made by machine, wholemeal or white. Breads need to be at least 1 day old.
59. Saffron buns, 4.
60. Battenburg cake (use your imagination).
61. Scones, Cheese, 4.
62. Plate of 6 Petit fours.
63. Brownies, 6.
64. Set recipe for Special Prize -3 Colour Cake (recipe on next page).

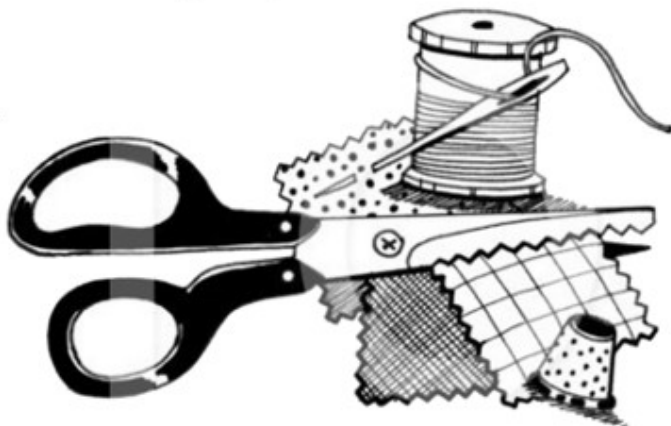
**HANDICRAFT CLASSES JUDGE: Emma Stead**

TROPHY, given by the Women's Institute for the highest points in the Handicraft classes 65 to 71.

CUP, given by Mr C. Blatchford, for the best exhibit in the Handicraft classes 65 to 71.

Please note, no article in this section to have been previously exhibited in this show.

65. Cross stitch article.
66. Embroidered article.
67. Tapestry article
68. A machine sewn garment.
69. A knitted article.
70. An item of crochet.
71. Any other handicraft.



SPECIAL PRIZE (class 64)
SET RECIPE - RAINBOW CAKE

Cook Time: 60 minutes

What you need

- 300g Self Raising Flour
- 300g Butter, at room temperature
- 300g Caster Sugar
- 1½ tsp Baking Powder
- 6 Eggs, beaten
- 3 tbsps Milk
- Food Colouring (Pink, Blue and Yellow).

For the icing:

- 375g Butter, at room temperature
- 500g Icing Sugar
- 1 tsp Vanilla Essence (optional)
- Rainbow sweets



Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas 4. Grease three 18-20cm/7-8" sandwich tins and line with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, beat all the cake ingredients, except for the food colourings, to form a smooth soft batter.
3. Divide the mixture evenly among three bowls. Stir a few drops of blue food colouring into one of the bowls to make a blue batter. Spread into one of the prepared baking tins.
4. Repeat with the red food colouring in the second bowl to make a pink batter, and the yellow in the third to make yellow batter. Spread each into the remaining baking tins.
5. Bake the tins for about 25-35 minutes until golden brown and the cake springs back when pressed. Turn onto a wire tray or cooling rack and allow to cool completely.
6. Meanwhile, make the icing by beating the butter until smooth, then gradually beat in the icing sugar. Finally, beat in the vanilla essence, if using.
7. Spread some of the buttercream filling over the base of the blue sponges, then top with the yellow sponge. Spread the top again with the buttercream, then top with the pink sponge.
8. Spread the remaining buttercream over the top and sides of the cake.
9. Cover the outside with the sweets.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES JUDGE: Phil Dingle

Cup given by Mr and Mrs P.D Tuckett, for the highest points in the Photography classes 72-79
MARKER CUP for the best exhibit in the Photography classes 72-79

72. A colourful life
73. A Sunrise or Sunset
74. Black and White
75. A Pet
76. Northern Lights
77. A Rainbow
78. Portrait
79. A Gem of a photo.

All Photographs must be unframed and not mounted.
 Their size not to exceed 7in by 5in (18 cm by 13cm)



ART & CRAFT CLASSES JUDGE: Irene Hicks

Cup given by the Milton Abbot Art Group for the highest points in the Art classes 80-90
SPECIAL PRIZE for the best exhibit in the Art classes 80-90

80. Lavender bag
81. Item of felt
82. Any woodcraft
83. A piece of jewellery
84. Pressed flowers
85. A Milton Abbot Limerick
86. Abstract, any medium
87. Portrait, any medium
88. Still Life
89. Landscape
90. Any other medium.



CHILDREN'S CLASSES JUDGES :- Mrs Balwin
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Prizes :- 1st-50p, 2nd 30p, 3rd 20p.

YOUTH CLUB PERPETUAL CUP for the highest points in the Children's classes 1 to 25.

ELIZABETH GUEST PERPETUAL CUP for the highest points in the Children's classes 1 to 13.

PERPETUAL SHIELD given by Mr Fairchild for the highest points in the Children's Flower classes 14 to 17.

The AVRIL HOCKING AWARD for the best exhibit in the Children's classes 1 to 25.

1. Decorate 4 biscuits
2. Grow cress in an eggshell
3. Make an animal with vegetables and/or fruit
4. Cupcakes
5. Rainbow Desert
6. 4 chocolate cornflake cakes (for under 5s only).
7. Make a colourful mask
8. Make a friendship bracelet.
9. Dress a bear
10. A Lego creation of your own design (Max 30cm all round).
11. Recycled material model.
12. Playdough model
13. Bark or leaf rubbing
14. Posy of fresh flowers
15. Create an allotment garden in a seedbox
16. A decorated welly.
17. A display of pressed flowers (named) on one page of up to A3 max.
18. Drawing a rainbow in any medium.
19. School entries. Crafted Floral arrangement
20. School entries. Colourful animals
21. School entries. Garden Ornaments
22. School entries. Natural tie dye
23. Nature in a matchbox
24. A joke to make the judges smile.
25. A photograph of a summer's day





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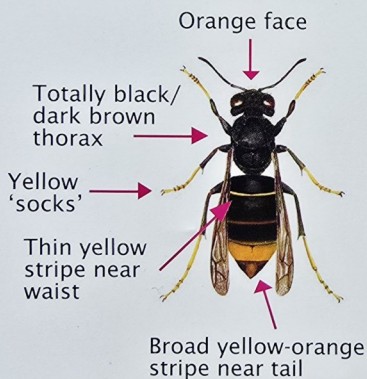
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Asian hornet

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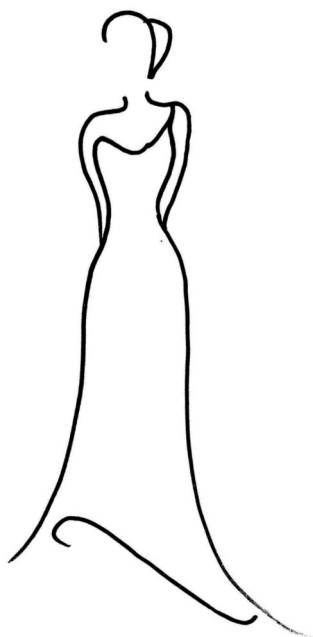
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Church Services for September 2026

Wed 2nd Sep	10am Midweek Service (RS)		
Sun 6th Sep Trinity 14 (Green)	9.30am Communion Marystowe (GG)	11am Milton Abbot & Dunterton Harvest Festival at Dunterton (RS)	6.30pm Evening Worship Lamerton (GG)
Wed 9th Sep	10am Midweek Communion (GG)		
Sun 13th Sep Trinity 15 (Green)	10.30am Communion Sydenham Damerel (TT)	11.15am Matins Coryton (GG)	
Wed 16th Sep	10am Midweek Communion (TT)		
Sun 20th Sep Trinity 16 (Green)	9.30am Northumbria Service Marystowe (RS)	11.00am Communion Lamerton (GG)	
Wed 23rd Sep	10am Midweek Communion (GG)		
Sat 26th Sep	1pm Wedding of Melanie & Robert at Lamerton (GG)		
Sun 27th Sep Trinity 17 (Green)	9.30am BUBBLE CHURCH #1 Milton Abbot	11am Communion Milton Abbot (GG)	4pm Holy Communion (BCP) Coryton (TT)
Wed 30th Sep	6.30pm Harvest Songs of Praise Sydenham Damerel (RS)		
	10am Midweek Communion (TT)		

Church Services for August 2026

Sat 1st Aug			
Sun 2nd Aug Trinity 9 (Green)	10.30am Communion Marystowe (GG)	3pm Wedding of Georgina & Nick at Marystowe (GG)	
Wed 5th Aug	No midweek service		
Sun 9th Aug Trinity 10 (Green)	10.30am Benefice Communion Sydenham Damerel (TT)		
Wed 12th Aug	No midweek service		
Sat 15th Aug		12noon Wedding of Wendy & Philip Dunerton (GG)	
Sun 16th Aug Trinity 11 (Green)		11.00am Communion Lamerton (TT)	
Wed 19th Aug	No midweek service		
Sun 23rd Aug Trinity 12 (Green)		4pm Benefice Communion Coryton (GG)	
Wed 26th Aug	No midweek service		
Sun 30th Aug Trinity 13 (Green)		11am Communion Milton Abbot (GG)	